

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)	
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Ge XU et al.)	CP 3 - 8TH FLOOR
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Application No.: 09/863,338)	Group Art Unit: 1763
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Filed: May 24, 2001)	Examiner: S. MacArthur
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number **10/043,190**, naming Hiroshi Nogami as inventor and filed on January 14, 2001, and the documents cited therein, a copy of which is enclosed. The Examiner's attention is also directed to copending application number **09/862,458**, naming Masahiko Tanaka, Manabu Ikemoto, and Naoaki Yokagawa as inventors and filed on May 23, 2001, and the documents cited therein, a copy of which is enclosed.

☐ In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609(c)(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that these copending applications have been considered. By citation to the copending applications, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending applications under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

Copies of the below listed documents were previously submitted in prior Application Serial No. 08/225,858, filed February 23, 1999, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not included. It is noted that these documents were also listed on the form PTO-1449 which accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 29, 2001, however, that Information Disclosure Statement incorrectly identified the parent application as being 08/225,852.

A new technique for diagnostics of a radio-frequency parallel-plate remote plasma; N. Sano et al.; Appl. Phys. Lett 65 (2), 11 July 1994 pages 162-164.

Infrared spectroscopic study of SiO_x films produced by plasma enhanced chemical vapor deposition; J. Vac.Sci. Technol. A4(3), May/June 1986; pages 689-694.

Improvement of structural and electrical properties in low-temperature gate oxides for poly-Si TFTs by controlling O₂/SiH₄ ratios; AM-LCD 1997; pages 87-90.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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